To the majestick cedar join'd ; whose issue Promises Britain peace and plenty.

CTM. Well, My peace we will begin [1]:—And, Caius Lucius, Although the victor, we submit to Caesar, And to the Roman empire ; promising To pay our wonted tribute, from the which We were dissuaded by our wicked queen ; Whom heavens, in justice, (both on her, and hers,} Have laid most heavy hand "[2].

[1] MY peace we will begin :] I think it better to read r

" *By* peace we will begin." JOHNSON.

I hare no doubt but Johnson's amendment is right. The Soothsayer says, that the label promised to Britain " *peace* and plenty/* To which Cymbeline replies : " We will begin *with peace,* to-fulfil the prophecy/' M. MASON.

* WHOM heavens, in justice,, (both on her, and hers,)

Have laid MOST HEAVY HAND.] i. e. have laid most heavy hand *on.* Thus the old copy, and thus Shakspeare certainly wrote, many such elliptical expressions being found in his works. So* in The Rape of Lucrece :

" Only he hath an eye to gaze on beauty, " And dotes on *ivhom* he looks *[on],* 'gainst law and duty/* Again, in Richard III. :

" Men shall deal unadvisedly sometimes, ' " *Which* after hours give leisure to repent *[of].*" Again, in The Winter's Tale :

" - - even as bad as those, "That vulgars give boldest titles po}/* Again, ibidem :

The queen is spotless

" In that *which* you accuse her Again, in King Henry VIII. :

" - *whoever* the king removes, , "The cardinal instantly will find employment [./or]/* Again, in Othello :

** *What* conjurations and what mighty magick " I won his daughter *[with].*"

Mr. Pope, instead of the lines in the text, substituted — *' *On whom heaven's justice* (both on her and hers) *Hath* lay'ct most heavy hand/' and this capricious alteration was adopted by all the subsequent editors, MALONE. • * . . . .